

**Remarks**

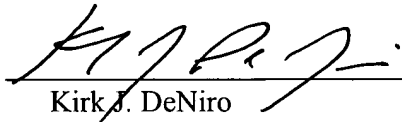
The above amendments are made after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. The amendment to claim 1 corrects a typographical error that has been recently discovered and requires no additional search or examination on the part of the U.S.P.T.O.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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